

## WASHINGTON STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION

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**TO:** Staff, Commissioners, Board Members, and Stakeholders

FROM: Sonja Hirsch, Rules Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing and Possible Permanent Adoption

WAC 139-05-210: Basic law enforcement certificate of equivalency

Changes to WAC 139-05-210 have been proposed to provide clarification and to streamline the existing process and requirements.

- 1) A peace officer whose certification, commission, and/or licensing has been revoked, sanctioned, suspended, or is under review by this state or any other state or territory is not eligible for a certificate of equivalency, regardless of the officer's prior years of law enforcement service.
- 2) Applicants will now need to attend the first available session of the equivalency academy regardless if it is held within the first 60 days of hire. Equivalency academies are held every three months; this change will eliminate lengthy gaps in training.
- 3) It is not the WSCJTC's responsibility to ensure future police officers have a current and valid driver's license and basic first aid card; the responsibility lies with the employing agency.
- 4) All applicants must have emergency vehicle operations training. If they do not, it will be provided at the employer's expense.

<u>Public Hearing and Action by the Commission</u>: The WSCJTC will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at 10 AM, to discuss the proposed changes. The meeting will be held at the WSCJTC located at 19010 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South, Burien, WA, in Room E-154. All are welcome to attend and provide oral comments. If you would like to submit a written comment, please send it to <a href="mailto:shirsch@cjtc.state.wa.us">shirsch@cjtc.state.wa.us</a> by December 2, 2013.

Staff will request the Commission to adopt the proposed changes. If adopted, the changes will be filed with the Code Reviser's Office and will become effective 31 days after filing.

Attachment: OTS-5689.3